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Sir:

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Supplemental Office action mailed January 7, 2003, having a shortened period for response, which expires on February 7, 2003. The present paper is therefore timely filed; however, should an extension of time be required, this paper constitutes such a request. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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